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SUBJECT: OPENING WMO/ICAO CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY
DELEGATIONS ON NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN STATIONS (CPN NAOS)

1. THE SUBJECT CONFERENCE OPENED 11 AM FEB 18 WITH 23 STATES PARTICIPATING AS MEMBERS AND FOUR AS OBSERVERS (HUNGARY, GHANA, CANADA AND USA). BURUNDI AND SAUDI ARABIA (NOT YET ARRIVED) ONLY PARTICIPANTS FROM OUTSIDE EUROPEAN REGION.

2. CONFERENCE ELECTED FOLLOWING OFFICERS: SCHNEIDER (SWITZ) CHAIRMAN, E. SUSSENBARGER (FRG) AND DU CHAXEL (FRANCE) AS FIRST AND SECOND VICE-CHAIRMAN. COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN WERE CHOSES AS FOLLOWS: GENERAL: POSTMA (NETHERLANDS); FINANCIAL: LOUS (NORWAY); TECHNICAL: SUGDEN (ULK).

3. GENERAL STATEMENTS CONCLUDED 19TH. FRANCE, NETHERLANDS, UK, NORWAY AND USSR INDICATED INTEREST UNDER APPROPRIATE CIRCUMSTANCES TO OPERATE TOTAL OF TEN VESSELS. UK REITERATED ITS INTENT TO PARTICIPATE ONLY IF FOUR OR MORE STATIONS AGREED.

4. NEED FOR FIXED CEILINGS ON OPERATING COSTS DEBATED, WITH ALL POTENTIAL OPERATORS EXCEPT USSR OPPOSING A CEILING. POLAND
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HINTED AT POSIBILITY FOR QTE NEIGHBORING UNQTE STATES TO JOIN IN SUPPORT OF ONE OR MORE STATIONS. IT IS BEING

RUMORED THAT USSR PREPARED TO OPERATE ANY REQUIRED STATIONS OF AGREED NETWORK NOT PRACTICABLE FOR OTHER OPERATING STATES TO MAN.

5. IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS GENERAL COMMITTEE, COST SHARING PERCENTAGES DISTRIBUTED BASED ON FIVE CRITERIA: NATIONAL INCOME, UN SCALE OF CONTRIBUTIONS, WMO SCALE OF CONTRIBUCTIONS; AVERAGE

OF THESE THREE, AND AVERAGE OF FIRST TWO. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAVE OPPOSED USE OF WMO SCALE AS TOO ARBITRARY AND OUT OF DATE. SOME HINTED THAT THEY WOULD WISH TO RE-EXAMINE THAT SCALE AT NEXT WMO CONGRESS.

6. CANADIAN STATEMENT INDICATED INTENTION TO TAKE WEATHER OBSERVATIONS SIMILAR TO THOSE ON OCEAN WEATHER STATION ABOARD ITS OCEANOGRAPHIC RESEARCH VESSELS WHEN THEY ARE OPERATING IN AREAS OF NORTH ATLANTIC OF INTEREST TO NAOS PROGRAM.

7. COMMITTEE WORK EXPECTED TO CONTINUE THROUGHOUT THE WEEK.
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